(b) The literacy data in the country is collected through decennial census operation conducted by Registrar General of India. According to the last census held in 2001, the literacy rate of the country was 64.84%. Next data will be available in 2011.

(c) A revamped programme to impart functional literacy to non-literate adults in 15-35 age group is proposed to be implemented during the 11th Plan in which special emphasis is given for literacy of disadvantaged sections of the society including women so that the gender gap is to be reduced from 21.59% in 2001 to 10%.

Promotion of self reading habits under SSA

4050. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance and guidance being given to State Governments to promote early self-reading habits among the school children, as part of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(b) the details of States which have set up their own Reading Development Cells, alongwith the number of schools where separate reading rooms were set up during 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, promotion of early reading among school children is being supported amongst multiple strategies for enhancement of quality of elementary education. A programme for promoting reading in the early primary grades is being guiddd by the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) wherein workshops and orientation meetings have been held in 11 States during 2007-08. Seven States have initiated activities for early reading under this initiative.

Expenditure under SSA

4051. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08:

(b) the total number of students from minority communities enrolled under SSA, region, gender, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details of teachers belonging to the minority communities recruited under SSA, religion, State and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Central funds expended under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 were Rs. 5139.75 crore, Rs. 7527.23 crore, Rs. 10848.35 crore and Rs. 11470.96 crore, respectively.

(b) Information on enrolment of Muslim children was collected through the District Information System on Education (DISE) for the first-time in September, 2006, of which the State-wise and gender-wise details are given in the Statement *{See* below).

(c) No separate data on religion of teachers recruited is maintained by the Central Government.

Statement

State-wise and gender-wise details of enrolment of Muslim children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

Sl. No.	State	Enrolment of muslim children at elementary level (2006-07)		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Andaman and Nicobar islands	1031	962	1993
2.	Andhra Pradesh	535385	561955	1097340
3.	Assam	745325	744191	1489516
4.	Bihar	700939	591536	1292475
5.	Chhattisgarh	13890	12808	26698
6.	Daman and Diu	22	29	51
7.	Delhi	71082	71896	142978
8.	Goa	3480	3482	6962
9.	Gujarat	160833	151322	312155
10.	Haryana	6835	5745	12580
11.	Himachal Pradesh	6813	5536	12349
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	541889	465564	1007453
13.	Jharkhand	238459	214768	453227
14.	Karnataka	523592	518755	1042347
15.	Kerala	171652	166049	337701
16.	Madhya Pradesh	179363	169999	349362
17.	Maharashtra	574700	536570	1111270
18.	Meghalaya	77	103	180
19.	Nagaland	54	60	114
20.	Orissa	180803	167650	348453
21.	Puducherry	4828	4357	9185
22.	Punjab	2869	2042	4911
23.	Rajasthan	141759	114189	255948
24.	Tamil Nadu	192342	186167	378509
25.	Uttar Pradesh	1494834	1342609	2837443
26.	Uttarakhand	1879	1640	3519
27.	West Bengal	1668518	1739894	3408412

Condition of NCTE teachers' training institutes

†4052. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the condition of NCTE Teachers' Training Institutes throughout the country;

(b) whether Government is planning to set up more such institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) Teacher Training Institutions are granted recognition for running various teacher training courses by NCTE, only on fulfillment

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.